

Green County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 31, 2022
Time: 5:30 PM
Place: Green County Historic Courthouse

Committee Members Present: Jerry Guth, Bekah Stauffacher, Bill Oemichen, Corrine Hendrickson, Casey Jones, Mark Mayer, Matt Sheaffer, Megan Leonard, Roald Henderson

Others Present: Maria Johnson, Jeremy Broge, Noreen Rueckert, Andrea Sweeney, Arianna Voegeli, Dick Marti, Bridget Craker, Dan Williams, Stephanie King, Chris Narveson, Rob Sommers

The March 31, 2022, meeting of the Green County American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Ad Hoc Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm by Committee Chair, Jerry Guth.

Green County Property Supervisor Dick Marti gave committee members a tour of the restoration of the Green County Historic Courthouse.

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Jones to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022 meeting of the Green County ARPA Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried on voice vote.

Presentations were given by Green County Department Heads on how ARPA funding could benefit their departments.

Bridget Craker, Green County Public Health, discussed a public health strategist position.

Chris Narveson, Green County Highway, discussed infrastructure needs at the highway shop site.

Dan Williams and Stephanie King, Human Services, discussed maintenance and space needs at the Child Advocacy Center.

Maria Johnson and Jeremy Broge, Pleasant View Nursing Home, discussed the need to repair failing water loop.

Noreen Rueckert, Green County Tourism, discussed tourism marketing and campaigning.

Rob Sommers, Treasurer's Office GIS Specialist, discussed add-on products for LiDAR technology.

Questions were asked during each presentation and answered by presenters.

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Leonard to accept three late arriving applications. Motion carried on a voice vote with Jones abstaining. Motion by Jones, seconded by Oemichen to hold the April 14 meeting in person at 6pm at the Green County Historic Courthouse. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The committee evaluated proposals submitted by the community using the following criteria:

1. Project serves county-wide use
2. Consideration of the number of people/organizations/businesses helped
3. Immediate (<3 years) and long term (>3 years) impact of proposed initiative

The following applicants will be asked to present at the 4/14 meeting: Green County Child Care Network, Monroe Theatre Guild, Monroe Arts Center, Green County Agricultural Society & Mechanics Institute, and the Green County Healthy Community Coalition.

An update was provided on the opinion from NACo (National Association of Counties) regarding use of funds for the Historic Courthouse Restoration. Clerk Voegeli to compile a listing of each county department's funding request by dollar amounts. A reminder was given that per diem expense sheets are due to the Clerk's office by April 5.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Oemichen to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote.